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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/031,345; § 371 Date: July 22, 2002
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Inventors: SETTE *et al.*
Our Ref: 2060.0030006/PAJ/M-M

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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